

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!

USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

Parent Information link:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/parentsclub.cfm?catname=Class%20of%202014>

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 December 2015)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2015	1	2	3
2016	643	185	828
2017	781	236	1017
2018	835	227	1062
2019	848	293	1141
WING	3108	943	4051

- ❖ 56 International Cadets are counted in the Cadet Wing Strength, but do not count in the Fiscal year Strength.

UPCOMING DATES:

11 Feb 16	100s Night (Class of 2016)
10 – 12 Mar 16	Recognition (Class of 2019)
18 – 27 Mar 16	Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16)
18 -27 Mar 16	Prep School Spring Break (released LMD/return by 7pm on 27 Mar 16)
15-20 May 16	Finals
24 May 16	Prep School Graduation
27 May 16	Ring Dance
2 Jun 16	2016 Graduation
4 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Begins
24 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Ends
25 Jun 16	2 nd Summer Session Begins
30 Jun 16	Class of 2020 In-Processes
15 Jul 16	2 nd Summer Session Ends
16 Jul 16	3 rd Summer Session Ends
6 Aug 16	3 rd Summer Session Ends

Happy New Year to all! I hope you all enjoyed the brief time you had with your cadets over the break, but now your cadets are back at work and looking forward to another great semester leading up to the graduation of the Class of 2016! I know for all the parents of those "almost 2nd Lts" you are wondering where the last four years have gone. Probably seems like just yesterday that you were here for Parent's Weekend. So here is some information about graduation. Keep checking the Graduation Website (below) for more information.

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation>

HONOR LIST: Fall Semester Honors List can be found at the below website.

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/dfr/Spring2016HonorsList.pdf>.

HONORS LIST CRITERIA:

Athletic Director's List: Cadets who earn a semester Physical Education Average (PEA) of at least 3.0 will be on the Athletic Director's list. These cadets are authorized to wear the Athletic Director's pin on their uniform for the next semester. PEA is a weighted 4.00 grading scale (50% Physical Fitness Test + 35% Phy Ed course grades + 15% Aerobic Fitness Test).

Dean's List: The cadet has to earn a 3.0 GPA, minus grades from physical education courses.

Commandant's List: The top 1/3 of each class year are eligible for this honor. Stipulation, if a cadet is on "ANY" probation, he/she is not eligible for the honor.

SUPTS List: Cadets must be on the Dean's/Commandant's/AD lists combined

HONOR CODE HANDBOOK: The handbook is available on the USAFA Website/Commandant/Honors Directorate. The current edition is located at the following link:

http://www.usafa.edu/Commandant/cwc/cwch/Handbook_2014.pdf

2016-2017 ACADEMIC CALENDAR: The Academic Calendar for 2016-2017 hasn't been approved yet, but I will send out as soon as the calendar has been approved. The link to the calendar is listed below if you wish to keep checking to see if was updated. <http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>.

PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE: To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillips at glenda.phillips@us.af.mil, phone (719) 333-5281 (USAFA TRICARE for cadets) and she can e-mail them their proof of insurance or they can stop by the cadet clinic and the folks there can print out the proof. Parents sometime wish to get the cadet off their insurance and their companies may require proof of coverage. Some parents will wait to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUSELORS (MFLC) (FOR CADETS)

Military Family and Life Counselors are available to all cadets and Cadet Candidates at the Academy. Support and counseling are offered through formal and informal meetings with Cadets, as they may experience issues such as: balance and self-regulation, family separation, adjustment to cadet life, relationship stress, grief and loss, authority issues, intimacy and trust, and access to self-help resources.

MFLC COUNSELORS

(719) 651-4810

(719) 246-1360

Our Mission: To provide confidential non-medical, short term, problem-solving, non-record keeping counseling support, coaching, and education to Cadets to ensure readiness, and to address the stressors that can typically be associated with cadet life.

- **Confidential non-medical counseling to cadets.**
- **Licensed masters and doctorate level counselors.**
- **Services can be provided on or off of military installations.**
- **No records are kept.**
- **MFLC program is voluntary and available at no cost to cadets.**

INFORMATION FROM CADET MEDIA:

Annual Portraits: Parents, the annual portraits of your cadets were taken in the fall. If you have not seen proofs for these images, recommend you contact your sons and daughters, or call the contractor direct at 1-800-426-9533. Make-ups or retakes will be shot Jan 25-29, 0730 – 1530). Cadets will receive information on the location and times, but may also call 333-4644 with questions. Cadets are highly encouraged to come early as the later days will mean longer lines for retakes.

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PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS:

The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page, for free?

FB: www.facebook.com/USAFA.Official

Twitter: @AF_Academy

Instagram: AF_Academy

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy. You might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at 719-333-7731.

There are also more **FREE** pictures on the **USAFA webpage**. You can gain access from our website, <http://www.usafa.af.mil/> and go to the Military tab, cadet photos and select class year.

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm>

2016 CADET SPRING BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus tickets will go on sale starting January 11th thru March 8, 2016. All seats sold after MAR 8 sold on space available basis. Cadets will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes. Please call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand.

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

18 MAR 2016: 0700, 0800, 1000, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700 1800

19 MAR 2016: 0400, 0600

RETURN 27 MAR 2016: 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 11 Jan 2016 – 8 Mar 2016
ROUND TRIP	\$45.00
ONE WAY	\$30.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

18 MAR 2016: 0715, 0815, 1015, 1215, 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615

19 MAR 2016: 0415, 0615,

RETURN 27 MAR 2016: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 11 Jan 2016 – 8 Mar 2016
ROUND TRIP	\$30.00
ONE WAY	\$20.00

- 1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
- 2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

- 1) Cadet Buses leave from the BASE OF THE RAMP ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Cadets are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all Cadets luggage looks the same.
- 2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.
- 3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport.
- 4) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release or cadets LMD changes.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

- 1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!
- 2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505
- 3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg ORC-ROOM IC15 (719) 333-4602

***Note- Cadets must purchase tickets in person,
Parents may purchase a bus ticket by phone for their Cadets with a MC or VISA.
Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed, Weekends and Holidays**

***Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation**

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Please note: I don't have the **Preparatory School Bus Schedule** yet, but will send out as soon as I get it.

Helpful Websites/POCs:

Life Touch photos: POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

Cadet Wing Media: (719) 333-4644

Academic Calendar website: (2015/2016 calendar) (2016-2017 not posted yet)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-111208-035.pdf>

Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop) 719-472-8589, petalsnblooms.com

Gift Cards order phone numbers: Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (472-1953); 10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Preparatory School Candidate parents.

Central Email for Prep School Questions: PrepInfo@usafa.edu

Link: <http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Marie

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